

PERMANENTLY WETTABLE SUPERABSORBENTS

Abstract of the Disclosure

Methods of making permanently wettable superabsorbent material are provided. The permanently wettable superabsorbent materials made by the method have a floating time less than 30 seconds and cause a reduction in surface tension of saline less than about 30%. The methods involve treating the superabsorbent material with a surfactant solution. A surfactant is used that has at least one functional group that is reactive with the superabsorbent material and at least one non-reactive and hydrophilic functional group. The surfactant is applied to the superabsorbent material when the functional groups on the surface of the superabsorbent material are activated. Permanently wettable superabsorbent materials, such as fibers, made by the method and disposable absorbent products comprising the permanently wettable superabsorbent material are also provided.